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Crop Insurance Scheme

* 243 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to introduce a Crop Insurance Scheme in the State?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether a Crop Insurance Scheme is under examination by this Government?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It has been felt that the people are not insurance-minded and the monsoon is fluctuating. Therefore, there is no proposal at present to take up crop insurance.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Have this Government examined the Crop Insurance Scheme introduced in the Punjab?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The Government have examined the whole question and considered that the time is not yet ripe for introducing crop insurance in this State.

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : No doubt, Sir, monsoon is uncertain. But that does not mean that crop insurance is not necessary. Insurance is intended to benefit people in cases of uncertainty. Have the Government taken that factor into consideration?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The ryots also should be prepared for this. They are not yet fully insurance-minded.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. CHAIRMAN : At a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee held at 2-30 p.m. on the 21st August 1961, the following programme of business has been decided :—

22nd August 1961 .. .. **23rd August 1961 .. ..** **3 p.m.**	**Discussion on the Madras State Electricity Board Budget for the year 1961–62.**
24th August 1961 .. .. **11 a.m.**	**Presentation of the First Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1961–62.**
25th August 1961 .. .. **26th August 1961 .. ..**	**No meeting.**
27th August 1961	**Holiday.**
28th August 1961	**Discussion on the First Supplementary Statement of expenditure for 1961–62.**